

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

**MERAL SMITH,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**RICK MULGRAVE, Director of the Virgin  
Islands Bureau of Corrections,**

**Respondent.**

**Civil Action No. 2015-0078**

**Appearances:**

**Meral Smith, *Pro Se***

**ORDER**

**UPON CONSIDERATION** of Petitioner Meral Smith’s (“Smith”) “Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus” (“Petition”) (Dkt. No. 1); Magistrate Judge George W. Cannon Jr.’s Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) (Dkt. No. 21); and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion filed contemporaneously herewith; it is hereby

**ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Cannon’s R&R (Dkt. No. 21) is **ACCEPTED** as modified in the Memorandum Opinion; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Smith’s “Petition for the Writ of Habeas Corpus” (Dkt. No. 1) is **DENIED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Court **DECLINES** to issue a Certificate of Appealability for failure to satisfy the standard set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this Order and its accompanying Memorandum Opinion to Smith by certified mail, return receipt requested; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court is directed to mark the case **CLOSED**.

**SO ORDERED.**

Date: January 24, 2020

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WILMA A. LEWIS  
Chief Judge